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Drunk Driver Takes Taser Away From Officer During Arrest

Date/Time: 02/11/2023 @ 11:44 P.M.

Location: 12400 block of Tierra Serena

Arrested: Jose Hernandez, 29-year-old male, Socorro, TX Resident

El Paso, Texas – A drunk driver fights officers and takes away a CEW (Conducted Energy Weapon)(Taser) from one Officer. At 11:44 P.M., El Paso Police Officers responded to a call of an intoxicated driver in a silver Nissan driving westbound on Pebble Hills and striking the curb. The Officers located the vehicle off Pebble Hills at the 12400 block of Tierra Serena.

The Officers approached the driver, 29-year-old Jose Hernandez, who drove off in an attempt to evade. Due to the vehicle missing its front left tire and driving only on a rim, Hernandez could not go much further. The Officers gave commands for Hernandez to exit the vehicle. As the Officers began to place Hernandez in custody, he resisted and raised his arms to avoid being handcuffed. A struggle ensued, and one of the Officers pulled out a CEW to end the fight. Hernandez grabbed the CEW, and a fight for control of the weapon ensued. The Officers were able to take control of the CEW and after another struggle, handcuffed Hernandez.

Hernandez was charged with Taking a Weapon from an Officer (3rd Degree Felony), Resisting Arrest Search or Transport (Class A Misdemeanor), and Driving While Intoxicated (Class B Misdemeanor). Judge Estrada issued a total bond of \$8,000. Hernandez was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility. Hernandez also had ten outstanding traffic warrants.

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